



'Of the week' Sheet

Monday 15th April – Friday 19th April

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Thought of the Week

"The way to achieve your own success is to be willing to help somebody else get it first."

— Iyanla Vanzant

Word of the Week

Axiomatic (Adjective)

Definition: obviously true and therefore not needing to be proved; self-evident

Usage: 'It is axiomatic that successful people have a positive outlook.'

Etymology: Late 18th century, from the Greek, 'axioma', *what is thought fitting*

Poem of the Week

Listen

by Barbara Crooker

I want to tell you something. This morning
is bright after all the steady rain, and every iris,
peony, rose, opens its mouth, rejoicing. I want to say,
wake up, open your eyes, there's a snow-covered road
ahead, a field of blankness, a sheet of paper, an empty screen.
Even the smallest insects are singing, vibrating their entire bodies,
tiny violins of longing and desire. We were made for song.
I can't tell you what prayer is, but I can take the breath
of the meadow into my mouth, and I can release it for the leaves'
green need. I want to tell you your life is a blue coal, a slice
of orange in the mouth, cut hay in the nostrils. The cardinals'
red song dances in your blood. Look, every month the moon
blossoms into a peony, then shrinks to a sliver of garlic.
And then it blooms again.

Thinking Challenge of the Week

A man pushes his car until he reaches a hotel. When he arrives, he realizes he's bankrupt. What happened?



Feminist of the Week

Yana Zinkevych, Ukraine

Politician and front-line medical volunteer



Saving lives on the front line of the war, the Hospitallers is a volunteer paramedic organisation. Led by Yana Zinkevych, they work to evacuate people from the battlefield. Zinkevych became a medical volunteer after leaving school, and founded the battalion in 2014 at the start of the hostilities in Ukraine.

She has personally carried 200 wounded soldiers to safety. Her team continues to provide first aid to injured soldiers and civilians, conducts medical training, and has performed around 6,000 evacuations. The 27-year-old is also one of the youngest members of the Ukrainian parliament and is head of the military medicine subcommittee.

Fact of the Week

H&M actually stands for something

The clothing retail shop was originally called Hennes—Swedish for “hers”—before acquiring the hunting and fishing equipment brand Mauritz Widforss. Eventually, Hennes & Mauritz was shortened to H&M.

Book of the Week



Title: **Seven Million Sunflowers**

Author: **Malcolm Duffy**

Summary: 15-year-old Kateryno and her family live in Kharkiv. Their lives are shattered when on February 24th, 2022, the Russian army invades. Their apartment block is struck by a missile. After weeks living in their basement, Kateryno, her mother, and brother, decide to leave, joining seven million Ukrainian refugees. They come to England and meet their host family, the Hawkins. But their new beginning brings a whole new set of problems.

Female Scientist of the Week



Suzanne Gray is a British expert in dynamical meteorology and professor of meteorology at the University of Reading, where she is currently academic head of the Department of Meteorology. She has made significant contributions to the understanding and prediction of extreme windstorms and tropical cyclones. She's Editor of the Nature Partner Journal, Climate and Atmospheric Science since 2018 and was awarded the Buchan prize of the Royal Meteorological Society for “important original contributions to meteorology”.

Answer to Thinking Challenge:

He's playing Monopoly and his piece is the car. He lands on a space with a hotel and doesn't have the money to pay the fee.